

RENTS AND FOOD HIGHER FOR POOR

Wages Stand Still While Prices Go Up, Up, Up, and the Workingman's Task of Maintaining a Home and Feeding His Little Ones in New York Is Almost Impossible.

STRIKING COMPARISONS WHICH SHOW COST OF LIVING INCREASE

	1903. Pound.	1904. Pound.	1905. Pound.
Beef or chuck steak	10	12 14 to 16	10
Boiling meat	06	08	10
Butter (2 1/2 pounds)	20	22	25
Sugar (brown)	17	18	20
Corned pork and bacon	04	05	06
Ground pork and bacon	08	10	12

Food and roll—Size of both growing smaller.
Vegetables (green)—Practically unknown to the poor.
Vegetables (canned)—Cheapest quality at from 5 to 8 cents a can.
Lentils—Eight cents a pound.
Dried peas—Eight cents a pound.
Split peas—Eight cents a pound.
Butter—Varies with the season; price generally increasing.
Potatoes—Six, seven and eight cents a quart.
Onions—Ten cents a quart.
Nuts—Ninety-eight per cent. of the poor patronize bakeries.
Chestnuts—Three and four cents a pound, in three and five-pound lots.
Maple—Six cents a pound.
Milk—Good quality, eight cents a quart; alleged milk, five cents.
Eggs—Usually beyond the reach of the poorer classes. Price generally increasing. Store eggs are now selling at six or seven for twenty-five cents.

RENT, HEAT, CLOTHING.

Rents on the east and the lower west sides have increased within the past three years from twenty-five to forty per cent. The price of coal has been normal since the famine of two years ago.

There has been no appreciable increase in the cost of clothing. The extremely poor perhaps make a saving where this necessity is concerned, owing to the system of organized charities, which provides cast-off apparel, in most instances better in quality than the recipients could ever hope to buy.

Living in New York is becoming such a task for the poor that unless there is a change in conditions it will soon become impossible. What is true of this city is also true of the other great centers of population throughout the Eastern States. Philanthropists and economists generally speak of the matter as a problem, but it is a task, well-defined and almost insurmountable, to which wage earners must put their every cent, despite their most careful management. Some days, in order to cope with it. Within the past three years the cost of food has increased in this city and in the rest of the country from 25 to 50 per cent. To make more plain, where a housewife paid \$1.35 for food three years ago she must now pay \$2.00. Rents have increased in the poorer residential sections from 25 to 40 per cent. Wages and salaries have not kept pace with these conditions.

Home Laid to the Trusts.

When one goes down among the poor and asks them why they are paying so much for meat, potatoes and bread, they tell you in all sincerity that the trusts have put the prices up. Whether they have reasoned this out themselves or whether it has gone into their minds out of the mouths of the young men and old men who hold the street corners of the poor districts at night, offering this and that cure for all the ills in the sorry state of things, they believe it. When investigation goes behind the scenes, the evidence indicates that the trusts may be in the woodpile. The trusts have obtained for the increase in the cost of foodstuffs, the cause of the increase in rents is sought and the answer is the same—"The Trusts."

The explanation of the rent question is simple, but only one trust is responsible. The destruction of the tenement property in these blocks on the east and west sides which will form a tunnel for the Pennsylvania Railroad, forced the thousands of dwellers from those localities to seek other homes. Naturally they turned to the tenements and whatever else was to be had further downtown. Landlords are quick to observe the increase in the demand for apartments, and they raise a dollar or two.

The Landlords' Trust.

As to this, however, an association of landlords had been formed, presumably for no particular reason, but now it stands out boldly when tenants are asked that they will have to pay more for their homes.

The Tenement-House law, the demand of his leasees declares: "they have to spend money for repairs and to change heat at the expense of the tenant. It is that the tenant is being made to pay for the window or the air shaft or the escape of the steamy plumes from the law prescribed. During the past year the Tenement-House Commission has compelled the landlords to spend upward of \$2,500,000



CAREFUL HOUSEWIVES BICKER WITH THE BUTCHER.

MASONIC CHARITY BALL.

President and Vice-President Expected to Attend Function.

The Masonic Charity Ball to be held in the Madison Square Garden next Monday evening, under the auspices of the Knights Templar composing the constituent commanderies in New York State, will be one of the most brilliant social functions ever held in this city. The presence of President Roosevelt and Vice-President Fairbanks is expected, as well as many other men prominent in national affairs.

The ball will be for the benefit of the Masonic Home near Utica. Large delegations will come from all the commanderies within a radius of fifty miles. The exhibition drive will be one of the noteworthy features of the evening.

Charles A. Benedict, of this city, will be the Grand Marshal. The Chairman of the committee having the arrangements of the ball in charge is William J. Maxwell, of Brooklyn.

On corporal punishment, wife beating and spanking in next Sunday's World!

HER SERVANTS NAMED IN WILL

Benevolent Widow of Millionaire Importer Disposed Of Vast Sum to Charity and Members of Household.

Mrs. Mary E. Ryke, of Paterson, N. J., who died a week ago, has bequeathed to charitable and religious institutions, to servants and to personal friends nearly \$100,000. Her will has been submitted to the Surrogate for probate.

To the General Hospital she leaves \$20,000; to the Paterson Orphan Asylum, \$10,000; to the Old Ladies' Home, \$5,000; to the Children's Day Nursery, \$5,000;

to Rev. Dr. Magie, pastor of the Presbyterian Church of the Redeemer, \$5,000; to Hannah McGill, her housekeeper, \$200; to Mrs. Mathilde Thompson, her oldest servant, \$500, and \$500 is to be distributed among other servants. She also leaves a sum sufficient to pay off half the mortgage on the Church of the Redeemer.

The estate is valued at \$1,000,000. Her children, Arthur and Ernest Ryke and Miss Julia Ryke, are the executors.

Mrs. Ryke, during her lifetime, gave over \$200,000 to the Free Public Library of Paterson. She was the widow of William Ryke, of William Ryke & Co., silk importers.

She desires that her children continue the corporation as long as it remains profitable.

The Peanut Harvest.

The largest peanut fields in the world are in Guinea, on the north coast of Africa. Peanuts are grown there by hundreds of tons, but this quality is inferior to those grown in this country. Most of the African peanuts are shipped to France.

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To-morrow promises another strenuous day of Shoe selling, through the medium of important purchases recently made. Not a pair but what is under price, and no equal values in any other store.

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Women's button and lace

shoes with extension soles.

New shape last; Cuban

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to 7, with plenty wide

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Cuban heels; sizes 3 to 8;

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styles and leathers; built on

shapely lasts with both low

and high heels; sizes from

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No other Store CAN sell these Shoes for so little—for they have to pay more than \$1.89 for them. And we not only offer you the "W. L. Douglas" Shoes (always sold at \$3.50) for \$1.89—but other well-known and substantial makes as well.

Here is what the assortment comprises:

Men's "W. L. Douglas" Shoes; all of them in patent leather styles only—exactly 240 pairs in the lot. 1.89

Men's best grade of \$3.50 French Calf Shoes; butcher cut; high military heels, lacing style; snappy Post-toe lasts. Big value 1.89

Men's best \$3.50 Box Calf Double Sole Shoes in a very snappy toe; all Goodyear welt, plenty of sizes. Big value at 1.89

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Misses' Wearing Apparel.

It will be possible to-morrow and the next day to pick up some pretty choice plums in Misses' Apparel. Every style garment in which sizes are at all broken has been CUT IN PRICE to effect a quick clearance, and some very sensational reductions follow:

Sample Suits, odds and ends; Box Coats, pleated and skirted blouse; excellent quality mixtures and plain zibelines and chevrons; some velvet trimmed; sizes 12 to 18. The \$15.00 kinds at 10.00. The \$18.50 kinds at 11.50. The \$20.00 kinds at 14.98.

Misses' Long Coats of broadtail, zibeline, etc.; collar effect; trimmed with braid and velvet; loose box back; strap across; sizes 14 to 18; regular \$24.50 coats, at 9.98

Girls' Long Coats, plain kersey and navy blue cheviots; also brown zibeline, cape effect, with fancy trimming of buttons and velvet; sizes 6 to 14. The \$10.00 kinds at 4.98. The \$12.50 kinds at 5.98. The \$14.00 kinds at 6.98.

Girls' School Dresses, made of cashmere or black and white checks; Russian, Buster Brown and Sailor styles; sizes 6 to 14. The \$4.00 kinds at 1.98. The \$5.50 kinds at 2.98. The \$6.50 kinds at 3.98. The \$8.50 kinds at 4.98.

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H.O'Neill & Co

January Clearance Prices for

Misses' and Children's COATS AND SUITS.

(Third Floor.)

Girls' \$8.75 Coats at \$4.75.

Made of all wool Cheviots, three-quarter lengths; also some full lengths lined with fine all wool flannel, trimmed with velvet collars and gilt buttons—sizes 6 to 12 years—formerly \$8.75; Saturday..... \$4.75

Girls' \$15.00 Full Length Coats at \$8.75.

Made of fine Cheviots and heavy weight mixtures, wide straps in back and belt, new full sleeves—sizes 6 to 14 years—formerly \$15.00; Saturday..... \$8.75

Misses' \$28.00 Suits at \$16.75.

Made of imported dark novelty mixtures, strictly all wool, long model coats, satin lined, plaited skirts, an elegantly tailored suit—sizes 14, 16, 18 (32, 34, 36)—formerly \$28.00; Saturday..... \$16.75

Misses' \$6.75 Skirts at \$3.95.

Made of all wool worsted mixtures, principally greys, new plaited models—formerly \$6.75; Saturday..... \$3.95

Clearing the Winter Stocks of

UNTRIMMED MILLINERY

At Less Than Half Former Prices.

SILK PAON VELVET HATS—The newest shapes in cardinal, brown, navy, violet and black—value \$3.00; at..... \$1.85

BEAVER HATS—Value \$2.00; at..... 75c

PLAIN SCRATCH FELT HATS (Dress Shapes)—Value \$1.00 to \$2.50; at..... 25c, 48c, 75c

CHILDREN'S SCHOOL HATS—Value \$1.00; at..... 25c

LADIES' READY-TO-WEAR HATS—Value \$2.50; at..... 48c

COQUE POMPONS—Value 48c and 75c; at..... 10c, 25c

FANCY BREST WINGS—Value 75c; at..... 25c

Ostrich Plumes.

Extra quality, 14 inches long, in black, light blue, white and brown—Value \$2.00; at..... \$1.48

16 inches long (extra quality) in brown, light blue, black and white—Value \$3.00; at..... \$1.85

(Second Floor.)

Saturday's Price Reductions

IN BOYS' CLOTHING.

(Third Floor.)

\$1.00 to \$1.50 Knee Pants at 79c.

Knee Pants of Corduroy and all wool Cassimeres and Cheviots, extra well made, with taped seams and worked button holes—sizes 3 to 16 years—\$1.00 to \$1.50 qualities, at..... 79c

Russian and Sailor Blouse Suits at \$4.95.

Value \$6.50 to \$7.50.

Made of fine Serge, Cheviots and stylish mixtures in Cassimeres and Cheviots, mostly small sizes—\$6.50 to \$7.50 suits at..... \$4.95

\$5.00 to \$7.00 Suits at \$3.75.

Boys' Double Breasted and Norfolk Suits in all wool mixtures and Cheviots, stylish patterns; also Russian and Sailor Suits with military collars and handsomely embroidered—sizes 3 to 16 years—\$5.00 and \$7.00 suits at..... \$3.75

Young Men's Suits and Overcoats,

At \$8.50, \$9.98 to \$12.00 At \$12.75, up to \$18.98.

All our Boys' Overcoats and Reefers at similar reductions.

Special Values in Leather Goods.

(First Floor.)

LADIES' CARRIAGE BAGS—filled with purse, braided handles—regular \$1.00 Bags; special at..... 59c

CARD CASES—In red, blue and green, saffron leather—regular \$1.00 cases; special at..... 49c

CARRIAGE BAGS—Strap handles, fitted with purse—regular 50c. Bags; special at..... 29c

WOMEN'S \$2.50 SHOES

At \$1.65

Friday and Saturday, January 6 and 7.

We place on sale to-day over one thousand pairs of Women's splendidly made and finished button and lace

Shoes in four different shapes, fine soft vici kid with patent leather tips, light and medium weight soles—all sizes, in B, C, D and E widths—regular

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Boys' \$5 Bloomer Norfolk Suits, in fancy mixed Cheviots and Cassimeres, Saturday at..... 3.95

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Boys' Tourist Belt Overcoats, in sizes 8 to 15 years, to-morrow..... 1.00

Store Opens at 8.30 o'Clock in the Morning Instead of 8, as Formerly.

